



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Loring M. Johnson  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of December 2, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.